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INTERVIEW SUMMARY
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(WITNESS)

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Affiliation:

Former Employee/ Folcroft Landfill/Tri-County Hauling and
Independent Trash Picker at the Folcroft Landfill

Telephone:

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Type of Interview:

In-Person

Date of Interview:

September 11, 2002

On September 11, 2002, the WITNESS was interviewed at his place of employment, (b) (6)

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by Michael McCloskey of Tri-State Enterprise.

The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Folcroft Landfill ("Folcroft"). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and did not want an attorney. No other persons were present and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for former employees.

The WITNESS was shown an aerial photograph of Folcroft and this aerial photograph was used throughout the interview.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with Folcroft.

The WITNESS stated that he worked at Folcroft from about the mid-1960s to approximately 1974 when the Site stopped receiving waste. The WITNESS stated that he worked for Tri-County Hauling during some of the time he worked at the Site. The WITNESS stated that when he worked for Tri-County Hauling at the site he operated a bulldozer at Folcroft. The WITNESS stated that he was usually paid "under the table" by Tri-County Hauling. The WITNESS stated that he did receive a paycheck from Tri-County Hauling on some occasions. The WITNESS stated that when he was not working for Tri-County at Folcroft, Ed Mullins, the general manager of the Folcroft Landfill, allowed him to "pick" metal waste from the piles of waste on the landfill.

When asked to explain what he meant by "pick" the waste, the WITNESS stated that he was allowed by Ed Mullen to pick through the piles of waste and remove any items of value such as copper, aluminum, brass, and cardboard. The WITNESS stated that he owned a flat-bed

truck and used this truck to load the metal items and transport these items to a scrap metal dealer. The WITNESS stated that he sold all the scrap metal he picked from Folcroft to Fred Greenburg. The WITNESS stated that Greenburg owned and operated a scrap metal yard located at 62nd and Glenmore Streets in Philadelphia.

The WITNESS stated that when SCA purchased Tri-County Hauling he was not paid to work on the landfill. The WITNESS stated that he was allowed to continue to pick waste on the landfill.

When asked if he ever transported waste to Folcroft, the WITNESS stated no. However, he indicated that in the early 1970s he was hired by Tri-County to clean out a restaurant. He indicated that the waste from this restaurant was transported to Folcroft by Tri-County trucks. The WITNESS provided the following information about this restaurant:

- Kruger Restaurant ("Kruger"): The WITNESS stated that Kruger was located in a high-rise office building at Broad and Chestnut Streets. He indicated that Kruger occupied the entire first floor. The WITNESS stated that he was hired by Tri-County to remove all of the piping and flooring in the restaurant. The WITNESS stated that this waste included asbestos from the pipes and holding tanks for grease and fuel. The WITNESS stated that he worked on this project for about 6 months. He indicated that all of the waste he removed from Kruger was transported to Folcroft by Tri-County trucks.

The WITNESS was asked the names of the transporters that he had observed disposing of waste of Folcroft. The WITNESS provided the following.

- William Crumley ("Crumley"): The WITNESS stated that Crumley had compactor trucks and roll-off trucks that transported waste to Folcroft.
- Eastern Industrial ("Eastern"): The WITNESS stated that Eastern had compactor trucks and roll-off trucks that transported waste to Folcroft. The WITNESS stated that Eastern transported waste from Boeing and the Philadelphia Navy Yard.
- Tri-County Hauling: The WITNESS stated that he did not drive a truck for Tri-County Hauling. He indicated that Tri-County Hauling operated compactor trucks and roll-off trucks. He indicated that all of Tri-County customers were industrial customers.
- Schiavo Brothers ("Schiavo"): The WITNESS stated that Schiavo had both compactor trucks as well as roll-off trucks
- Banta Trash ("Banta"): The WITNESS stated that Banta had both compactor trucks and roll-off trucks.
- Banner Trash Company ("Banner"): The WITNESS stated that Banner had compactor trucks. He was not sure if Banner had roll-off trucks.

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The WITNESS stated that numerous tanker trucks disposed of liquid waste at the site. He could not recall the names of any of these tanker truck companies. He indicated that one tanker truck company had New Jersey printed on the doors.

When asked if he ever observed drum waste disposed of at the Site, the WITNESS stated yes. He indicated that another company from New Jersey brought in approximately 50 full 55-gallon steel drums two to three times each month. The WITNESS stated that he was directed by Ed Mullins to empty these drums in the fill area and then stack the drums near the garage. The WITNESS stated that these empty drums were picked up by a flat bed truck owned by Marvin Jonas. The WITNESS stated that he does not recall the name of the New Jersey company. The WITNESS stated that these drums contained a red liquid that had a paint thinner odor. He indicated that on one occasion he rubbed his eye with his glove while emptying a drum. He indicated that his eye became swollen and he was unable to see for about one week.

When asked the names of businesses that had waste disposed of at Folcroft, the WITNESS provided the following.

- MAB Bruder Paints ("MAB"): The WITNESS stated that Tri-County had installed an outside portable holding tank at MAB. He stated that about one time each week this tank was transported to Folcroft and the liquid contents were poured on the ground in the fill area. He indicated that this liquid smelled like paint thinner. He indicated that the tank had a capacity of approximately 6000 gallons.
- Boeing Plant in Ridley Township: The WITNESS stated that Eastern Industrial ("Eastern") had numerous 40-cubic yard roll-off containers at this location and that Eastern transported about three containers a day to Folcroft. The WITNESS stated that he "picked this waste because it contained aluminum and cardboard." He indicated that this waste also contained old piping that was packed in asbestos.
- Philadelphia Navy Yard ("PNY"): The WITNESS stated that both Eastern and Tri-County had roll-off containers of every size located at the PNY. He indicated that 3-4 roll-off containers from the PNY were transported to Folcroft each day. The WITNESS stated that he also picked this waste and he described the waste as pipes with asbestos, cardboard, aluminum, and brass. He indicated that he did not pick all of the waste that came from the PNY. He indicated that some of the waste was dirt and old paint cans and could have contained other types of waste.
- University of Pennsylvania Hospital ("UPH"): The WITNESS stated that UPH had blue compactor trucks that transported medical waste to Folcroft. The WITNESS stated that this waste was usually packed in plastic bags. The WITNESS stated that the UPH also disposed of animal carcasses at Folcroft.

The WITNESS stated that there were many more companies that disposed of waste at Folcroft. He indicated that he could not recall any specific names at the present time, but agreed to think about his time at Folcroft and meet with the interviewer in the next week.

The WITNESS was asked the names of other individuals that may have relevant knowledge of waste disposal activities at the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS provided the following.

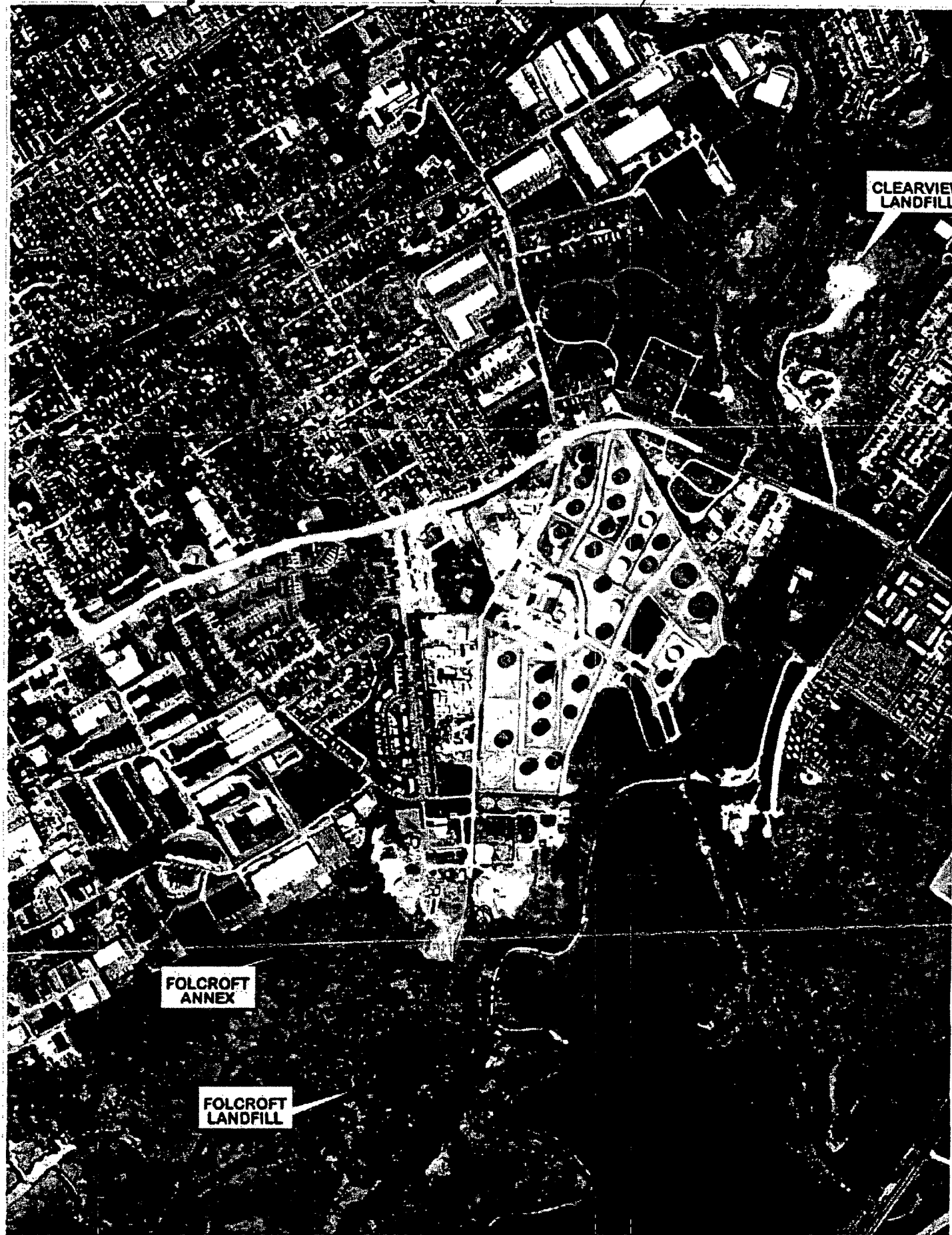
- Blinkie: The WITNESS stated he does not know Blinkie's real name. However, he indicated that Blinkie is a scrap metal dealer and comes to (b) (6) on a weekly basis. The WITNESS stated that he would obtain Blinkie's telephone number for me the next time he sees Blinkie.
- Sam, unknown last name: The WITNESS stated that Sam worked in the shack at the entrance of Folcroft and logged in most of the trucks that entered Folcroft during the day. The WITNESS stated that he thinks Sam is still living in the area and agreed to make some calls to locate Sam.
- Ozzie Osborne: The WITNESS stated Osborne was also a picker at Folcroft. He indicated that Osborne lives in New Jersey. The WITNESS stated that he does not know Osborne's first name, but stated that Osborne sold his scrap metal business to McCusker and that this scrap metal yard is still located in Chester on Third Street.
- Bobby Williams: The WITNESS stated that Bobby Williams also operated the bulldozer at Folcroft.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on _____
(Date)

Signed _____
(Name)

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In-Person (Second Interview)

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September 30, 2002

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The WITNESS was asked if he had recalled any additional names of generators or transporters that disposed of waste at Folcroft. The WITNESS answered affirmatively and provided the following information:

- **McCann Trash Company:** The WITNESS stated that McCann operated rear-end loader trucks. He did not know the location from which McCann picked up waste.
- **Lawrence Trash:** The WITNESS stated that Lawrence was from New Jersey and had rear-end loader trucks and open box trucks. He could not recall the types of waste that Lawrence disposed of at Folcroft. When asked if Lawrence operated roll-off trucks or tanker trucks, the WITNESS stated that he could not recall.

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- **Harvey Waste:** The WITNESS stated that he could recall a company named Harvey disposing of waste at Folcroft. He stated that Harvey operated white rear-end loader trucks; however, he could not recall if Harvey operated roll-off trucks. When asked if Harvey could have been Harvey and Harvey, the WITNESS stated that he did not know.

The WITNESS stated that he will continue to think about Folcroft and will call me when he has any additional information about transporters or generators.

The WITNESS was asked if he had seen **Blinkie** or **Sam** since our last meeting. The WITNESS stated that Blinkie has not been to (b) (6) for about a month. The WITNESS stated that Blinkie will show up eventually and that he will obtain Blinkie's home address and telephone number at that time.

The WITNESS stated that he believes Sam is still living in the area. The WITNESS stated that **Bobbie Williams** would know Sam's whereabouts.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on: _____ Signed: _____
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